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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS; ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES AND MECHANISMS

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received a letter dated 16 June 1993 from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in which UNIDO stated that it would like to support a number of specific comments and recommendations contained in document A/CONF.157/3 made by other specialized agencies relating to the draft final outcome of the World Conference (A/CONF.157/PC 98, annex II), contained in document A/CONF.157/3.

2. The Secretary-General has received a letter dated 16 June 1993 from the Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (DPCSD), Ageing Unit, stating that the Ageing Unit would like to associate itself with the comments and recommendations of the specialized agencies and concerned United Nations bodies contained in document A/CONF.157/3. In its letter the Ageing Unit also suggested specific comments and recommendations relating to the draft final outcome of the World Conference (A/CONF.157/PC/98, annex II).

PART I

Third preambular paragraph

In the list in paragraph 3 the word "age" should be inserted between 'sex' and 'language'.

(DPCSD/Ageing Unit)

Sixth preambular paragraph

The proposal made by UNCTAD, ILO and UNESCO is supported by UNIDO.

PART II

Paragraph 1

The proposal made by UNEP is supported by UNIDO.

Paragraph 3

The proposal made by UNCTAD and UNESCO is supported by UNIDO.

Paragraph 6

The proposal made by UNCTAD, UNDP and UNESCO is supported by UNIDO.

Paragraph 8

The same comment as under preambular paragraph 3 is made: In the list the word "age" should be inserted between 'sex' and 'language'.

(DPCSD/Ageing Unit)

Paragraph 9

The proposal made by ILO is supported by UNIDO.

Paragraph 12 ter

A new paragraph should be inserted as paragraph 12 ter:

"Special attention needs to be paid to ensuring non-discrimination, and the equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by older persons, including their active participation in all aspects of society."

Paragraph 13

The proposal to insert a new paragraph after paragraph 13 made by UNCTAD, UNDP, and ILO is supported by UNIDO.

PART III

II. Equality, Dignity and Tolerance

A new section should be inserted:

"F. The rights of older persons

Paragraph 1

The World Conference reaffirms that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are universal and thus unreservedly include older persons, without restriction of any kind due to age.

Paragraph 2

Ageing is a lifelong process and should be recognized as such. Preparation of the entire population for the later stages of life should be an integral part of social policies.

Paragraph 3

In the context of its own traditions, structures and cultural values, each country should respond to demographic changes which are dramatically altering the age-structure of the world population.

Paragraph 4

The promotion of the activities, safety and wellbeing of older persons should be and essential part of an integrated and concerted development effort within the developed and the developing parts of the world.

Paragraph 5

An important objective of socio-economic development is a society in which age discrimination and segregation are eliminated and in which solidarity and mutual support among generations are encouraged.

Paragraph 6

Recalling the International Plan of Action on Ageing adopted by the World Assembly on Ageing in 1982, the World Conference urges all nations to strengthen the implementation of the Plan of Action through existing United Nations guidelines such as the United Nations Principles for older Persons, adopted by the General Assembly in 1991, the Global Targets on Ageing for the Year 2001, adopted by the General Assembly in 1992."

(DPCSD/Ageing Unit)